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ASHBOURNE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and the

CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR

for the year

1954

ASHBOURNE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

1954-1955

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All the members of the Council

ChairmanMr. S.T. Nash

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF
THE ASHBOURNE RURAL DISTRICT
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ANNUAL REPORT

To the Rural District Council of Ashbourne

Public Health Department
Compton Offices,
Ashbourne,
Derbyshire.

12th October 1955.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report on the sanitary circumstances and vital statistics for your District during 1954.

The general death rate fell from 10.08 to 9.24 and the birth rate dropped from 18.37 to 14.86. The infantile mortality rate increased from 16.4 to 25.3 which is almost the same as the England and Wales rate of 25.5.

There were 5 notifications of tuberculous disease but no deaths from this cause. 129 notifications of other infectious diseases were received almost all whooping cough and measles, and admission to hospital was necessary in one case of food poisoning only.

The Chief Medical Officer to the Ministry of Health in his Report for 1953 has drawn attention to the increasing incidence of food poisoning and has requested Local Authorities to make full use of the propaganda material which the Ministry has issued. He draws attention to the importance of good personal hygiene amongst those who prepare, sell and serve food and to the importance of clean premises and the proper storage of food.

Immunisation against diphtheria has again improved in the district. There were 182 primary immunisations carried out, as compared with 156 in 1953.

The de-rationing of meat and the resumption of private slaughtering have meant that meat inspection has taken up a considerable portion of your Sanitary Inspectors' time. I am pleased to be able to say that 100 per cent meat inspection has been maintained as I feel that this is a most important service both from the point of view of ensuring sound meat and that hygienic practices are maintained in slaughter houses.

Good progress has been maintained in the Council's policy of making water available to as great a proportion of the rate-payers as possible. The scattered nature of the district makes certain difficulties unavoidable, resulting in iron bacteria with production of sulphur dioxide appearing in the mains in certain areas. The Surveyor has given considerable thought to this problem but there does not seem to be any easy remedy.

Progress has been made in preparation for various sewerage and sewage disposal schemes. The Surveyor has referred to the difficulties with the septic tanks serving small communities. Detergents must take some of the blame but one of the difficulties of small schemes is the lack of constant flow with two 'rush' periods in the day. Care should be given to the siting of these schemes and the works should in my opinion be as far from dwelling houses in the case of a small scheme as for a large one.

I wish to record my sincere thanks for the cordial support I have received from the Chairman and Members of the Waterworks and Public Health Committee and my indebtedness to the Clerk of the Council and other Officers for their friendly co-operation.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W.J. MORRISSEY, M.B., D.P.H.
Medical Officer of Health.



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STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Area in acres	86,188
Population (Census 1951)	12,020
Estimated Mid-Year Population 1954	11,900
No. of inhabited houses	3,372
Rateable Value	47,156
Product of penny rate	£ 193

The primary industry of the District is Dairy Farming. Milk is taken to the various wholesale dairies, heat treated and sent out to the surrounding towns. In addition, there are two cheese factories.

In the North of the area, which is situated on the carboniferous limestone rock, there are several large quarries which supply lump limestone for road making and sugar beet refining, tarred limestone for roads, limestone dust for agriculture and industry.

Large deposits of sand and gravel are worked for the supply of concrete aggregate in the Midland Towns.

There are also deposits of special silica sand which are made into very high temperature furnace linings at two works in the district.

In the centre of the district, there is a tape mill, and a large proportion of female labour finds employment in adjacent districts in the silk and nylon industry.

VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	87	66	153
Illegitimate	2	3	5
	89	69	158
Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 population			13.27

Still Births

Legitimate	5	1	6
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	5	1	6
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 population			0.5
" " " " " (total births live & still)			36.58

Deaths

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
	55	55	110
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population			9.24
Natural Increase of Population (excess of births over deaths)			48

By applying the area comparability factor.

Adjusted Birth Rate	14.86
" Death Rate	9.24
England & Wales Birth Rate	15.2
" " Death Rate	11.3

Infant Mortality

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Deaths of Infants under 1 year	2	2
" " " " 4 weeks	1	2
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births		25.3
England and Wales Rate		25.5

Deaths Registered during 1954.

The following Table shows the causes of deaths registered in 1954 :-

Cause(s) of Death	Male	Female	Total
Syphilitic disease	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	4	1	5
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	1	1	2
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	1	1
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	6	4	10
Vascular lesions of nervous system	4	7	11
Coronary disease, angina	10	10	20
Hypertension with heart disease	1	1	2
Other heart disease	7	10	17
Other circulatory disease	2	5	7
Influenza	1	1	2
Pneumonia	1	-	1
Bronchitis	3	2	5
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	1	2
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	-	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1
Congenital malformations	2	1	3
Other defined and ill-defined disease	4	6	10
Motor Vehicle accidents	3	-	3
All other accidents	1	2	3
Suicide	-	1	1
TOTALS	55	55	110

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The total number of infectious diseases notified during the year was 134 as compared with 303 during 1953.

Details of the notifications received and the numbers removed to hospital are shown in the following table :-

Disease	Number of Cases	
	Notified	Removed to Hospital
Tuberculosis - Pulmonary	2	2
Tuberculosis - Other Forms	3	2
Erysipelas	2	-
Pneumonia	6	-
Measles	71	-
Whooping Cough	42	-
Food Poisoning (Salmonella Infection)	8	1
TOTAL	134	5

TABULATED BELOW IS THE AGE INCIDENCE OF THE CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1954 :-

	Age Unknown	Under 1 year	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	60-	Total
Measles			4	4	5	6	42	9			1			71
Whooping Cough		2	3	4	2	6	20	5						42
T.B. Pulmonary								1		1				2
T.B. Non-Pulmonary			1				1			1				3
Pneumonia							1			2	1	1	1	6
Erysipelas												1	1	2
Food Poisoning	8													8
TOTAL	8	2	8	8	7	12	64	15	-	4	2	2	2	134

Food Poisoning Outbreak

One outbreak of food poisoning occurred during the year. The total number of cases involved was 19 of which 8 were resident within the Ashbourne Rural District.

The illness lasted from 2 to 8 days, 7 days in most cases, and one child aged 3 years 11 months was admitted to hospital.

Follow-up investigations in each case revealed that the food which probably caused the outbreak was cold pressed beef from a retail butcher's shop. It is possible that, owing to methods of sale, the pressed beef was contaminated by infected fresh carcass meat in the butcher's shop.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS

The following table shows the results of examinations carried out in the County Bacteriological Laboratory, in association with the Medical Research Council, for the Rural District of Ashbourne during 1954 :-

	Positive	Negative
C. diphtheriae	-	10
Vincent's Angina Organisms	-	10
Haemolytic Streptococci	3	15
Sputa for Tubercle Bacilli	1	19
x Water	18	6
Milk :-		
x Methylene Blue Test	1	1
x Phosphatase Test	-	8
x Turbidity Test	-	1
Tubercle Bacilli, Biological Test	-	14
Clinical Specimens for Tubercle Bacilli - Biological Test	-	-
Clinical Specimens	6	13
TOTALS	29	97
x Pos. = Unsatisfactory Neg. = Satisfactory		

Specimens and swabs are taken by the medical practitioners and forwarded direct for examination to the Derbyshire County Council's Bacteriologist, Public Health Laboratory, County Offices, St. Mary's Gate, Derby. (Telephone No.47131).

The County Bacteriologist and the County Analyst undertake, on behalf of the Council, all the bacteriological examinations and chemical analyses.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA
Derbyshire County Council - Health Services Handbook

This handbook sets out the various health services that are provided under Part III of the National Health Service Act and the Education Act by the Derbyshire County Council, and under Part IV of the National Health Service Act by the Local Executive Council, in the administrative County.

The health services provided by the County Council are under the administrative control of the County Medical Officer of Health, and all enquiries should, therefore, be addressed to him as follows :-

The County Medical Officer of Health,
County Offices,
St. Mary's Gate,
Derby.
(Telephone No. Derby 47131).

Home Help Service

The County Council has powers under the National Health Service Act to arrange for domestic help for households in need of such help. As far as the cost of this service is concerned certain rules of assessment have been drawn up, and full particulars are obtainable locally from the Health Visitors or from the County Medical Officer of Health.

Home Nursing Service

This service also is provided by the County Council whose home nurses have a certain amount of nursing equipment and apparatus which may be loaned to those patients whom they attend, or those who are being nursed at home by friends or relatives. The equipment available is supplemented by that owned by the British Red Cross Society, to which the County Council has made grants in consideration of this service. In case of need applications should be made to the nearest home nurse or to the B.R.C.S. Township Leader. If there is any difficulty in this connection the Superintendent of the Home Nursing Service for the southern part of the County may be contacted by telephone as follows :-

Telephone No.

Miss M.C. Jackson Day - Derby 47131 Ext. 112
County Offices, Night - Duffield 2101
Derby.

Vaccination and Immunisations

Vaccinations against Smallpox and immunisation against Diphtheria are available to all children in the district and may be carried out at Child Welfare Centres or by General Practitioners. The amount of infant vaccination in the district at present stands at a very low level.

Visits to schools are made by the School Medical Officer for the purpose of giving re-inforcing anti-diphtheria injections and also primary treatment for those whose parents have neglected to have it done at the proper time in infancy.

I am indebted to the County Medical Officer of Health for the following information in respect of children immunised against diphtheria during 1954, (Primary immunisation only).

Under 1 yr.	1 yr.	2 yrs.	3 yrs.	4 yrs.	5-9 yrs.	10-14 yrs.	Total
9	101	34	5	8	24	1	182

Supplies of Diphtheria Ante-Toxin which are available to General Practitioners on request are maintained by the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board at the following Institutions :-

Derwent Hospital, Derby.
Heanor Memorial Hospital, Heanor.
Ripley & District Cottage Hospital,
Ripley.

Victoria Memorial Cottage Hospital
Ashbourne.
Whitworth Hospital, Darley Dale
Nr. Matlock.

Other County Council Health Services

Other health services provided by the County Council under the National Health Service Act include Care of Mothers and young children, Midwifery, Health Visiting, Ambulance Services, Prevention of Illness, Care and After Care and Mental Health.

Hospital Service

Application for admission to General Hospitals is made direct to the hospital through a doctor.

Cases of infectious disease occurring in the district may be removed to the Derwent Hospital, Derby.

Cases of tuberculosis requiring admission to hospital are referred to the Chest Physician, Chest Centre, Green Lane, Derby, (Telephone Number Derby 47866), and may be admitted to the Derwent Hospital, Draycott Hospital or to Walton Sanatorium, Chesterfield.

All admissions and discharges of cases of infectious disease, including tuberculosis, are notified to the District Medical Officer of Health.

Maternity cases requiring hospital confinements are normally referred to hospital by the doctor at the Ante-Natal Clinic or by General Practitioners.

A handbook of information on hospital services in the Sheffield Region, which covers almost all of Derbyshire, was issued by the Regional Hospital Board in 1953.

LEGISLATION

The Derbyshire County Council Act, 1954

The Derbyshire County Council Act 1954, Part VI of which contains a large number of public health powers for local authorities, received the Royal Assent on the 30th July, 1954.

Most of the sections of Part VI of the Act, however, are not exercisable by or applicable to a rural district council unless and until they have been adopted in accordance with section 6 or applied pursuant to section 7.

The sections and the procedure for their adoption or application are set out in the First and Second Schedules to the Act.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

Removal to suitable premises of Persons in need of Care and Protection

Two cases were removed to hospital under a Magistrate's Order during the year.

The Council have resolved that in future the Medical Officer of Health (in consultation with the local representative for the parish) be authorised to take the requisite action in appropriate cases under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act, 1948 as amended by the National Assistance Act, 1951 for application to the Justices for emergency orders for the removal to a suitable Institution of persons in need of care and attention.

WATER SCHEMES

During the year under review, the Council have continued their policy of making water available to as great a proportion of the rate-payers as possible.

The following new services have been laid.

Private houses	73
Farms	28
Field Troughs	11
Other establishments	6

In addition 40 meters have been fixed.

At the present time, the water mains supply :-

Private houses	1688
Farms	459
Field Troughs	167
Schools	11
Other establishments	25

The demand for water continues to increase, and at the end of the year 460,000 gallons per day were being pumped into service mains.

The water softener plant has been installed at the Cubley pumping station, and in conjunction with the iron extraction filter is capable of reducing the hardness to 50 parts per 1,000,000. The temporary pumps have been removed and the permanent machinery installed.

Extensions to the water mains have been carried out at Hillcliffe Lane, Hulland Ward to serve private houses and a farm, Cubley Common to serve four farms, Penny Bentley to serve a private school and three farms, Offcote and Underwood, also Roston, to serve housing sites.

In order to reduce overloading of a main which was causing loss of pressure in parts of Kniveton and Thorpe, a relief main has been laid from Hognaston reservoir to the Knockerdown Cross roads.

The continued increase in demand is now overloading several sections of mains, also the safe limit of the present resources is fast approaching its zenith. To meet these difficulties, schemes have been prepared for sinking further boreholes and increasing the reservoir capacities.

Applications have been made to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government for permission to sink a trial borehole at "Ladyhole", Yeldersley, also build a 240,000 gallons capacity reservoir at Newhaven, Hartington Nether Quarter, also lay larger interconnecting mains.

At the request of the Air Ministry, the water main across the Darley Moor Aerodrome has been taken over by the Council and supplies afforded to five farms en route.

Considerable trouble is being experienced in certain parts of the District by new water mains failing owing to external deterioration of the pipes. A system of Cathodic protection is being tried out.

An agreement has been made for the Leek R.D.C. to take a bulk supply of water from the Council's mains at Thorpe for the villages of Ilam, Alstonfield and Wetton. Main laying on the scheme commenced in the late Autumn.

SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The scheme of sewerage and sewage disposal for the village of Parwich became operative during the year and this has done very much to stop the pollution of the brook course flowing through the village.

A small works for Alkmonton is in course of erection and plans are in hand for schemes at Hartington, Osmaston, Kniveton.

Great difficulty is being experienced with the septic tanks serving small housing communities owing to detergents stopping the septic action and the solids passing through the tanks only partly treated.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

A fortnightly collection of refuse is maintained throughout the District and many additional collections have been added during the year.

Over 3,000 bins are emptied fortnightly, and the mileage travelled by the vehicles was

Dennis Refuse Wagon	9775
Bedford	11997

There has been no change in tipping arrangements, and the same are kept tidy and cause little or no nuisance.

Owing to the increased use of all night burning fires and modern cooking grates, the character of the refuse is changing and cinders are being replaced by dust.

Great care has to be exercised by the lorrymen to prevent the load catching fire on long hauls owing to the fact that part of the contents of some of the bins are nearly red hot when collected.

Tip fires are similarly caused and are requiring special precautions to keep them localised.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND KNACKER'S YARDS

During the year the number of slaughterhouse licences granted was 4, and the number of licences granted to slaughtermen was 38.

Regular inspections have been carried out at all four slaughter houses. The details of carcasses inspected and condemned during the year are as follows :-

	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
Number killed	176	348	437
Number inspected	176	348	437
<u>All diseases except T.B.</u>			
Whole carcasses condemned	1	-	3
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	29	72	30
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than T.B.	17.04	20.9	7.5
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>			
Whole carcasses condemned	2	-	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	24	-	38
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	14.9	-	8.9

189 visits were made to slaughterhouses for the purpose of meat inspection.

Licences were also granted in respect of 2 knacker's yards.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOODS

16 visits have been made to shops for the inspection of meat and other foods during the year, and 138 lbs. of beef was condemned and destroyed.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938

Sampling of Milk and Other Foods.

The duty of sampling milk and other foods falls upon the County Council and I am indebted to the County Analyst for the following report :-

"In the area of the Ashbourne Rural District Council 11 samples, of which 10 were milks, were taken under the above Act.

One sample of milk contained added water and two joint defendants were each fined £1 together with £1. 1. 0. costs.

A sample of Marmalade was taken from a purchaser who complained that it contained a piece of bandage. This complaint was confirmed and the manufacturers were fined £10 together with £3. 9. 0. costs.

The remaining samples were satisfactory."

MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) REGULATIONS

Dealer's and Supplementary Licences have been issued in accordance with the Regulations.

3 samples of milk were taken during the year and submitted to the County Bacteriologist. The following table summarises the results of these samples :-

	No. of Samples	Positive	Negative
× Methylene Blue Test	2	1	1
Biological	1	-	1
TOTALS	3	1	2
× Positive = Unsatisfactory Negative = Satisfactory			

ICE-CREAM

There are no premises registered for the manufacture of Ice Cream under the provisions of the Ice-Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations, 1947-51.

Six premises have been registered for the sale of wrapped ice cream during the year. The total number of ice cream retailers is 16. Regular visits have been made to all these premises and they have been found to be satisfactory.

FISH AND CHIP PREMISES

There is one fish and chip premise in the area. Visits have been made and it is found to be satisfactory.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1919

The Council have the services of a part-time Rodent Operator, and routine inspections were made on all refuse tips and sewage works in the district.

A number of private properties were inspected and advice given on the best methods to deal with minor infestations. It was not found necessary to serve a Statutory Notice under the provisions of the Act for the destruction of rats or the making of buildings rat-proof.

HOUSING

The number of Council Houses approved by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government up to the 31st December, 1954 is 311.

The number of houses completed is 267

Number of inhabited houses at the end of 1954 - 3372

The following summary gives the progress made for the year ending 1954.

Parish	Number of Houses under Contract	Number of Houses in course of erection	Number of Houses completed	Type
Parwich	8	8	-	Stone faced blocks.
Cubley	10	-	10	Traditional Brick
Alkmonton	10	4	-	- do -
Roston	4	4	-	- do -
Totals	32	16	10	

Private Development

Plans for 20 dwellings were approved as private development during the year ending 31st December, 1954.

9 dwellings were completed and 11 were in the course of erection. These include properties approved during the previous year but not completed.

The total number of applications and plans submitted to the Council for approval during the year was 212, of which 208 were approved.

Sanitary Accommodation

Since water mains have been laid to a number of villages there is an ever increasing request for permission to convert closets to water closets. Owing to the unsatisfactory method of sewage disposal in many villages, these requests at the present time are unfortunately having to be discouraged.

Conversions to water closets during 1954 5.

Improvement Grants

Considerable inquiries are being received in connection with the scheme for Improvement Grants under the Housing Act, 1949 as amended by the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, and grants have been authorised amounting to £1425 to five applicants.

Rural Housing Survey

Progress is being made with the survey of all the working class houses in the district and 248 houses comprising five parishes have been inspected and placed in the following categories :-

Category No.	Alkmonton	Boylestone	Hungry Bentley	Kirk Ireton	Norbury & Roston	Total
1	1	-	1	1	10	13
2a	-	7	-	3	-	10
2b	3	-	1	11	4	19
3a	-	-	-	-	1	1
3b	1	-	-	1	5	7
3c	3	20	-	51	37	111
4/3a	2	-	-	1	-	3
4/3b	-	-	3	-	1	4
4/3c	3	16	2	31	14	66
5c	-	5	2	3	2	12
0/5c	-	-	-	1	-	1
4/5c	-	-	-	-	1	1
Totals	13	48	9	103	75	248

The majority of houses placed in category 3c (houses in need of moderate repair and/or in need of certain amenities) are houses without water accommodation; internal dampness caused by the lack of a damp-proof course; no separate food store; no washing accommodation and lack of natural light and ventilation.

Housing Statistics

Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925.

The following details are given in accordance with Article 31 of the above-mentioned Regulations :-

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	385
(b) Total number of Council Houses inspected (not included in (1)(a)	267
(c) Number of inspections made for the purpose	989
(2) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	14
(3)(a) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to in the previous sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.	299
(b) Number of Council houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. (not included in (3)(a)	302

2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notice

(a) Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence on informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	32
(b) Number of Council Houses rendered fit (not included in (a) above)	294

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year
 (a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 & 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :- Nil
 (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs. Nil
 (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices
 (a) By Owners Nil
 (b) By Local Authority in default of Owners Nil
 (b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts -
 (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects remedied. 3
 (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices
 (a) By Owners 1
 (b) By Local Authority in default of Owners Nil
 (c) Proceedings under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936 -
 (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders or Closing Orders were made Nil
 (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders Nil

4. Housing Act, 1936 (Part IV) Overcrowding
 (a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year } Figures
 (2) Number of families dwelling therein } not
 (3) Number of persons dwelling therein } available.
 (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year 3
 (c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year 2
 (2) Number of persons concerned in such cases 12
 (d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding. Nil

FACTORIES ACTS 1937 and 1948
Part I - Inspections

Premises	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of Written Notices
(i) Factories in which Sections 1-6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	12	6	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	51	5	Nil
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises).	-	-	Nil
TOTAL	63	11	Nil

Part VIII - Outwork (Sections 110 and 111)

There were 43 Outworkers reported as employed within the Ashbourne Rural District during 1954.

Bakehouses

There are 6 bakehouses in the area and regular inspections have been carried out.

